



# Kingswood Parish

As individuals and as a Church, we are  
a community:

ROOTED in God;

CALLED into faith and fellowship;  
and SENT OUT to love and serve our  
community.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022



# ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2022 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.

### Overview of the Year

2022 has been a year of great blessing, with much to celebrate as we see God at work in our Parish.

- We have seen new people come to faith and join our church family. Although we have sadly said 'Goodbye' to some much loved church members, we have also welcomed new members to each of our congregations;
- The range of services we offer from Book of Common Prayer Choral Evensong to Messy Church and everything in between, seeks to invite people to meet with God in a meaningful way and experience a living, loving relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- work with children and young families continue to grow with attendance at Messy Church up 40% as well as more families deepening their faith and love of Jesus;
- Our profile in our local community continues to grow as they see their local church as a place where they will find love and acceptance, a place where life is happening and everyone is welcome.

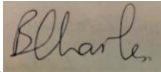
As the Apostle Paul reminds us and as this annual report bears witness to, we serve a miraculous God and in him all things are possible...

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

As we look forward to 2023, we continue to prayerfully seek God's direction for us as the body of Christ in Kingswood and in our partnership with Hanham Parish in the newly formed Benefice.

**Nothing in this report would happen without the faithful service and prayer of the Church family, it is impossible to name everybody individually but we give our heartfelt thanks for all that you do as fellow disciples and servants of the Lord.**

Signed: ...  .....

Date: ...4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.....

Rev Beverley Charles (Team Rector)

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Team Rector                 | Rev. Beverley Charles                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Associate Vicar             | Rev Steve Dyson<br>Rev. Chris Evans                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wardens (ex Officio):       | Gill Godfrey ( <i>one post vacant</i> )                                                                                                                                                              |
| Deanery Synod (ex Officio): | Rob Elliott<br>Francis Hearne                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Elected Members:            | Jill Ewans<br>Kathryn Gulliford<br>Cath Hayer<br>Janet Hill<br>Leta Hutchins<br>Alan Jenner (resigned May 2022)<br>Mandy Newport<br>Colleen Mercer<br>Jacqueline Owen (from May 2022)<br>Joan Reeves |
| Safe Guarding Officer       | Mary Whyatt<br>Angela Chappell (assistant)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Treasurer                   | John Godfrey                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Secretary                   | Cath Hayer                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## ADMINISTRATION

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Bankers | HSBC<br>National Westminster Bank |
|---------|-----------------------------------|

Independent Financial Examiners

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Parish level:   | Paul Taylor    |
| HTKDCC          | John Godfrey   |
| ASCDCC          | Adrian Britton |
| Mission         | John Godfrey   |
| HTK Restoration | Audrey Higbey  |

## MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2023 - 73, (71 - 2022)

## MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Associate Vicar – Rev Steve Dyson, Associate Vicar – Rev Chris Evans and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly, Jill Ewans, John Godfrey and Joan Reeves.

During 2022, Kathy Prosser has continued to serve and learn among us as an Ordinand, training for ordained ministry at Sarum College. She has been a blessing to the parish and the team and we are pleased to say that she will continue to serve in our Benefice as Curate following her ordination in July 2023.

Rev Chris Evans was on sabbatical from July – September and reflects: *“The Sabbatical enabled me to have a break from active ministry and to use the space to reflect more deeply on my calling by the Lord into ministry and where He may be leading me. It was a time of spiritual journeying, of structured and unstructured retreat space, theological reading, and of course, prayer. I was able to return refreshed and renewed, ready for what He has planned next for me, and to rejoin the team here in our new benefice.”*

## STATISTICS FOR MISSION

|                                | 2018 | 2019 | 2020<br>JAN-<br>MARCH | 2021<br>JUNE-<br>DEC | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-----------------------|----------------------|------|
| <b>HOLY TRINITY</b>            | 57   | 52   |                       |                      | 29   |
| <b>CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION</b> | 19   | 16   |                       |                      | 19   |
| <b>ALL SOULS</b>               | 11   | 10   | N/A                   | N/A                  | N/A  |
| <b>TOTAL ADULTS</b>            | 87   | 78   |                       |                      | 48   |
| <b>MESSY CHURCH * MONTHLY</b>  |      |      |                       | 12                   | 19   |
| <b>HTK UNDER 16</b>            | 5    | 3    |                       |                      | 0    |
| <b>ASC UNDER 16</b>            | 1    | 1    |                       |                      | 2    |
| <b>ASSP UNDER 16</b>           | 2    | 3    | N/A                   | N/A                  | N/A  |
| <b>TOTAL UNDER 16</b>          | 8    | 7    |                       |                      | 2    |
| <b>MESSY CHURCH * MONTHLY</b>  |      |      |                       | 18                   | 23   |

Sunday attendance figures were not reported in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid Restrictions

|                 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>BAPTISM</b>  | 16   | 9    | 4    | 6    | 8    |
| <b>MARRIAGE</b> | 1    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 4    |
| <b>FUNERALS</b> | 23   | 26   | 12   | 20   | 19   |

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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***Declare His glory among the nations, and his marvelous deeds among all people. 1 Chronicles 16:24***

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### Sharing God's story

2022 was a busy, fun year as many events returned following two years of COVID impacts.

We focus our efforts on two key outreach events during the year, taking the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

Building on the success of The Great Easter Stone Hunt, in 2022 we partnered with Freedom Church to run an Easter Trail in Kingswood Park. Over 180 children completed the trail and took part in activities reinforcing the story of Easter. Several new families joined Messy Church following the easter event.

December saw the first closure of the high street for a Christmas Market in Kingswood. To make sure we were at the centre of the events, we moved our Christmas Trail – Nativity Heros to the shopping centre area and based ourselves at the Moravian church for Christmas crafts and activities. Our presence, brought many families to the High Street and was recognized as a key contributor to the overall success of the event. Over 250 children and their families heard the wonderful story of God come to dwell among His people and 'Emanuel' was the secret code word to collect their prize. Again it was an opportunity to promote Messy Christmas and we had over 70 attend the following week.

Through kind donations of the congregation and of the Mothers' Union, many homes in Kingswood now have Christmas and Easter storybooks to share with their children.

Rev Chris organised an excellent Carols in the Pub at the Cross Keys opposite the Church of the Ascension. This was a great success, with some of the drinkers joining us outside for a good sing-along even though the weather was cold. The event was well received and supported by the pub and has helped to raise the profile of the church with the regulars and the community – definitely one to be repeated.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June was another great opportunity to celebrate with our community. We joined the community celebration in the park, making crafts and distributing 400 copies of 'The Servant Queen' a beautiful book sharing memories of the long and dedicated reign of our Sovereign Queen and of her deep personal faith in Jesus that sustained her throughout. Sadly, the queen died later that year, and Holy Trinity Church would become a focal point for people to pay their respects during the period of public mourning. Over one hundred people visited the church and signed the book of condolences and the children at Messy Church made beautiful flowers in memory the late Queen. The Holy Trinity singers provided a beautiful musical backdrop to our Service of Remembrance for the Queen.

## Sharing God's love

February 2022 saw the horrific invasion of **Ukraine** by Russian forces and the displacement of millions of people, mainly women and children. The Church family immediately supported the relief effort with financial donations and we worked with South Gloucestershire Council to provide a welcome hub for people arriving to stay with host families in the county. It transpired that numbers of Refugees being settled in Kingswood was quite small but we were able to support them and welcome one into our church family.

We continue to be a key partner in **We are BS15**. By providing our buildings, our faithful volunteers and our prayers, we touch so many lives in the community: feeding the hungry, tackling poverty and isolation and supporting people with friendship, prayer and practical support. The Community Kitchen has been running since June 2021, and served over 1300 meals in 2022. The number of meals served has increased dramatically since the cost-of-living crisis and the kitchen now provides around 70 meals a week to people across our community. The Growing Space behind the church hall had its first harvest providing a fantastic range of vegetables for the meals in the Kitchen, with plenty of excess for the new Community Fridge. Funding from Southern Brooks enabled us to make the Church Hall available for a warm space run alongside the community Fridge every Thursday, with 70-80 people attending each week. The Year ended with a Community Christmas Party and the Church Choir came along to round off the day with carols. The St George Singers have adopted We are BS15 as their charity for the year from Dec 2022

Another important partnership for the Parish continues to be **Mothers' Union**. Although Kingswood Parish no longer has an active branch of Mothers' Union, members continue to provide the supportive link between the Diocese of Bristol Mothers' Union and Kingsmeadow@MadeForever, the community hub on the edge of the parish. The hub is open to anyone six days a week with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The relatively small team of paid staff do an amazing job organising many different activities to suit diverse needs and interests.

A central principle of Mothers' Union is to support family life and especially those who have met with adversity. This year has seen a dramatic increase in families experiencing economic hardship. Mothers' Union members from the Diocese have provided items for well over 100 emergency hygiene kits free to anyone who needs them. It is of concern that children's dental health in particular, has suffered drastically in the past few years. Providing toothpaste and toothbrushes is a small thing that can be done to help with this. Personal hygiene is essential for health and the provision of toiletries is a simple way to show our love for the disadvantaged.

Last summer the Diocese of Bristol Mothers' Union sponsored two coaches for families to spend a day out at Weston-super-Mare. Some of the families cannot afford to travel beyond Bristol. They had a lovely time and it was a joy to see their happy, if tired faces at the end of the day. The staff are hoping that we can do the same this year and we have had an indication that it will happen.

Although members are very generous with their gifts, continuing prayer is needed not just for these families but also for individuals seeking support from the hub through difficult times and for the staff and volunteers at the hub who work so hard to provide support to the whole community.

During 2022, our regular groups returned to full swing and are growing significantly post covid.

**HARTS**, Continues monthly, over tea and cakes, offering a warm welcome and safe space for those bereaved either recently or longer ago to share stories of pain and loss as people feel comfortable to do so, and supporting each other. We have links with social care services in welcoming bereaved people who are struggling with the pain of loss.

**Lunchbox** relaunched with a new team in December 2021, has lost some much loved members this year but has also seen many new people join. Every Wednesday we offer a meal and, more importantly, an opportunity for those living alone to share a meal and conversations with others and to forge friendships. Our dedicated team are always on hand to offer support and a listening ear where needed. Numbers are growing, often 15-16 in recent months.

**Friends and Neighbours** have been able to meet through much of the year as a support group and have enjoyed, Cream Teas, bingo, quizzes and other activities, most importantly, they have enjoyed each other's company. At points when they were unable to meet, the Friends and Neighbours Team continued to provide support with fun care packages containing activities and edible treats.

**Mission Support Group** – During 2022, the Parish continued to support a number of charities at home and abroad.

- Church Army,
- Euro Evangelism (aka Transform Europe Network)
- Mission to Seafarers,
- Friendship clinic Nepal,
- Mercy Ships;
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- Embrace the middle east.

We also support a number of local charities at Christmas; Caring at Christmas, East Bristol Foodbank and Sisters of the Church. With our penny collection we support the Maji Safi Bursary fund.

During the year we made one-off Donations to The British Red Cross to support relief in Ukraine (£500) and the Pakistan Emergency Appeal (£250).

As well as our money all of these groups, organisations and people need our prayers.

Finally thank you for your support. The money that you give has a direct impact on people's lives and spreads our church's gospel message in a practical way at home and abroad.

*Cath Hayer*

## Caring for God's planet

The Community Garden at Church of Ascension has been named the Queen Elizabeth II Peace Garden and will be formally opened in May 2023. This past year has seen a great commitment by our amazing team of volunteers from both the Church and the local community. The hard work is almost complete and the site is taking shape. The woodland area is finished but will need ongoing maintenance and more planting of native woodland plants. The nature garden, to attract bees and butterflies is close to completion with four raised beds constructed from scaffolding boards donated by a local roofing firm. A path to lead to seating is being constructed at present and the ground is being prepared to plant a wild flower meadow. We received a grant of £1000 from Hanham Parish Council when they spotted our work in the local paper, this will be used to buy some butterfly and bee loving shrubs and seating.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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***"Come my children, listen to me; I will teach you the wonder of the Lord." Psalm 34:11***

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We continue to prioritise our work with children and young families, seeing God's blessing as they grow closer to Him.

We now have two thriving toddler groups: **Little Stars** at Church of the Ascension and **CafeTots** at Holy Trinity Church. As well as a place for children and adults to have fun and make friends, it also provides an opportunity where those needing support can receive help and a listening ear. As our groups grow in popularity careful planning is needed to maintain a safe space for children and adults.

Our Toddler Groups are a place where the Church builds relationships with families through our team of dedicated volunteers. We share our Christian faith and celebrate our Christian Festivals together. Many of the families also come along to our Easter and Christmas trails and some have come for baptism or moved from Toddler Groups to Messy Church.

We still have a good connection with the **Scout group at Church of Ascension** and a Christingle service was held just before Christmas with the church being filled with all the parents and church congregation.

**Messy Church** continues to go from strength to strength, numbers attending are up 40% and, more importantly, families are going deeper into relationship with Jesus. In 2023 we will introduce a second opportunity in the month for families to gather and worship together in a fun, informal way with more opportunity to discuss questions from scripture and to share food together, Café style.

Messy Christmas brought over 80 people together for a raucous, interactive Nativity and Christmas Lunch. It was lovely to see Messy Church families and other members of Holy Trinity and Church of Ascension coming together for this special service. It made Christmas!

Our new policy for the **Baptism of Children** was implemented in January 2022 and has generally been well received by both the church members and the baptism families. The re-introduction of baptism into the regular Sunday morning worship on the 4th Sunday of the month, usually at Holy Trinity Church enables the church family to welcome and engage more with the baptism family. The service of morning worship with Baptism seeks to be welcoming to those who may be unfamiliar with 'church'.

On receiving an enquiry the family are visited at their homes to discuss the meaning of baptism and the process. If they wish to proceed, they are invited to a monthly baptism preparation which takes place on a Sunday afternoon and is led by Rev Chris and Rev Steve as possible. At the same time the link between baptism families and Cafe Tots, Little Stars and Messy church is promoted.

## WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

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***All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Psalm 86:9-10***

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Our worship pattern launched in 2021 continues to provide a range of worship opportunities across the Parish and the Benefice.

We are blessed with great, talented musicians and singers to support us across both churches in the parish.

At the **Church of the Ascension** our organist, Pat Robson is a gem with all her talents. She often leads a small guitar group which makes the worship very special. Her talents extend to her own compositions (27 in all) and it is a joy to sing so many of them. Thank you Pat, for your continued support and blessing.

At **Holy Trinity Church**, we have a choir and musicians of superb quality to support our worship and special services through the Church choir, Holy Trinity Singers and St George Singers. Thank you to Jim Williams, John Cottle and all the singers for their hard work and continued support.

The Choir has provided an amazing range of music for all our festival services throughout the year, new services this year were the Candlemas in January at St George's, Hanham Abbots and the Advent Antiphons at the end of November. Both services brought together music, light and liturgy to transport us deeper into the presence of God and were a blessing not just to church family but also visitors.

This year we completed the revision of our traditional service booklets and our special thanks go to John Cottle for his liturgical and technical skills as well as a lot of printing and stapling.

Holy Trinity was gifted a new chalice set for Holy communion in memory of Patricia Lewis which was commissioned at Midnight Communion.

The yearly service of **Thanksgiving and Remembrance** was well attended and those joining us always express how helpful they find it to light a candle for their loved ones and to place their name on the prayer tree.

**Together to Worship** is our monthly, contemporary service where we come together with the Parish of Hanham for Benefice worship and is now well established. We are led in worship by Eley Dyson and the music group made up of members from both parishes. The service is very special, as the place where all our existing and our new congregations come together to worship as one body in Christ. The teaching is designed to deepen our relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit and equip us as disciples to follow Jesus in our everyday.

After Easter we ran the **Alpha course** in the parish after a long break, supported by Rev Vicky Wicks who was on placement with us. Course attendees were a mixture of existing members and new people who rapidly created a lovely sense of community, exploring faith together. At the end of the course, we have continued to meet together for Bible Study, prayer, fellowship and lots of food as well as regularly attending Together To Worship.

We were excited to celebrate Lisa Pearce's Baptism at Church of the Ascension and later confirmation in October by Bishop Viv.

The **Pastoral Care Group** continues to make sure those who are housebound feel that they are still very much part of the church family and that any further support needs are brought to the attention of the clergy team.

We have continued to commit to praying for our Church family and community; at home; opening the church for quiet prayer and reflection and through specific prayer days, we are ever grateful for our committed team of church watchers who make this possible. Colleen Mercer continues to co-ordinate the prayer chain on behalf of the church family of Holy Trinity and the Church of the Ascension.

## **SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

The Parish of Kingswood is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed on 15th Sept 2021 and will be reviewed again in September 2023. During the current year the PCC has reviewed and approved the list of our church activities, our procedure for dealing promptly with allegations and complaints and our policy on the use of Social Media.

We are continuing to work on implementing our safer recruitment process and this remains a priority for 2023. DBS checks are now required every 3 years for PCC members and leaders of activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults. DBS checks have been carried out and completed for these roles and are currently up to date.

Four levels of safeguarding training are provided by the Diocese:

Basic Awareness – required by all church officers and volunteers

Foundation – required by Churchwardens, PCC members, Parish Safeguarding Officer and volunteers working with vulnerable groups

Leadership – required by Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licenced Lay Ministers and Leaders of Church Activities.

Awareness of Domestic Abuse – required by PCC members, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licenced Lay Ministers and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Training must be repeated every 3 years. Currently all training is up to date, with the exception of Basic Awareness, which will be a focus this summer.

During the year there have been two safeguarding matters which have been referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for advice and support.

The PCC receives regular Safeguarding Reports and has been kept up to date with the progress of the Action Plan, which is currently at level 2.

During the past year we have put demands on many volunteers to undertake the required level of

training for their roles. Some of this training was challenging and included the submission of written work. Without exception, everyone has been willing to attend sessions led by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team or to complete them on line and I would like to extend my grateful thanks for their commitment and support.

## **GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES**

### **CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY**

It has been a very busy year for the Parish and wonderful things are happening. There always seems to be something being organised with diaries being filled which is a sign that God is working his purpose out in our community. It has been a privilege to serve as your Church Warden and would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and diligence that has made our Parish thriving and “awake” to the Gospel truth, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

I would also like to thank Beverley and the team for their support, even when I exasperate them we can always laugh. As we move forward I pray that God will continue to move in all our hearts to continue the good work he has given us to do.

We are pleased to report that the following work was completed during the year.

#### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Scout hall has been made safe by Carricks Ltd and a new lintel installed.

Debris falling from the Chancel arch in the church has been repaired.

A Quinquennial Inspection Report was done in October

One of the panes in the side window of the office was replaced due to vandalism

#### ASCENSION

The trees in the church grounds have been pollarded

A new lawn mower was purchased due to vandals stealing the old one.

The Car Park at Holy Trinity has continued to cause significant problems, thank you to the amazing team that stand out in all weathers to manage the car park as best we can for funerals. We have finalized the plans for the new gates and the Diocese have agreed to fund their purchase and installation to improve the security of the site.

## **FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY, PARISH TREASURER**

The maintenance of the Parish Finances are the responsibility of the treasurers of the six different bank accounts across the two churches in the Kingswood Parish. The overall responsibility is held by the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey, who prepares the overall annual Parish accounts. Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2022 was £102,129 an increase of £24,192 on the 2021 level, this is mainly due to hall income and giving returning to pre-covid levels and grants received towards hall heating and the community garden. Expenditure for 2022 was £83,302 an increase of £3,825 on the 2021 level. True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account trading such as various fees, donations for mission, administration from the churches within our parish. Our cash balances at the end of 2022 were unrestricted - £68,079 and restricted - £161,198 which was an increase of £19,149 on 2021 made up mainly from rent receipt £7,348 from the parish house, £2,006 from ASC, £6,837 from HTK and £2,958 from HTK Restoration.

Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.



**PARISH of KINGSWOOD**  
REBUILDING, RENEWING, REACHING OUT

**Holy Trinity, Kingswood**

**Church of the Ascension, Mounthill**

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# **PARISH OF KINGSWOOD**

(Registered Charity No: 1128426)

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2022 to 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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# PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022

### PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The Vicar and Churchwarden Account balance is shown on the parish balance sheet. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally all accounts operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2022. The combined accounts true income figure increased to just over £100,000 in 2022, recovering from the Covid19 Pandemic. This year Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared instead of Accrual accounts. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/income/expenditure in gross terms as well as nett of these categories. Main change in 2022 was an increase (£19,149) in overall fund balances due mainly to rent income from 36 Elmfield in the Parish Level accounts.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2022 have been as follows:-

### Fund highlights

#### PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £7248 in 2022 due mainly to rent received from 36 Elmfield but there were small maintenance costs on the property during the year. Also income from weddings and funerals returned to pre-pandemic levels. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group under the direction of the PCC.

#### HTKDCC

Overall fund balance for HTKDCC increased in 2022 to £6837. The parish share figure raised for 2022 was again shorter than that requested by the diocese. The budget for 2023 shows a parish share figure of £18,000 which is again short (£625) from that requested.

#### HTK RESTORATION

A small increase in the balance for this fund (£2958). Expenditure in the year has covered routine maintenance in the church hall.

#### ASCDCC

The overall fund balance increased slightly by £2006 in 2022. Maintenance work was carried out on the trees on the property and the tractor-mower was replaced following a robbery. The parish share promise for 2023 is £9387, an increase of £567.

### Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £68,079, that can be drawn down if necessary and restricted reserves of £161,198. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the APCM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood

4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

|                                                         | Note | 2022<br>£        | 2021<br>£        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                                     |      |                  |                  |
| Tangible fixed assets                                   | 5(a) | 1,717,580        | 1,715,197        |
| Investment assets                                       | 5(b) | 8,641            | 8,641            |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                   |      |                  |                  |
| Stock                                                   |      | 0                | 0                |
| Debtors                                                 | 7    | 4,604            | 1,001            |
| Short term deposits                                     |      | 145,000          | 145,000          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                |      | 80,675           | 60,120           |
|                                                         |      | <u>230,279</u>   | <u>206,121</u>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b> |      |                  |                  |
|                                                         | 8    | 8,991            | 3,983            |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                               |      |                  |                  |
|                                                         |      | <u>221,288</u>   | <u>202,138</u>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                       |      |                  |                  |
|                                                         |      | <u>1,947,509</u> | <u>1,925,976</u> |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                            |      |                  |                  |
|                                                         | 6    |                  |                  |
| Unrestricted                                            |      | 1,702,669        | 1,693,247        |
| Restricted                                              |      | 244,839          | 232,729          |
| Endowment                                               |      | 0                | 0                |
|                                                         |      | <u>1,947,508</u> | <u>1,925,976</u> |

HTKDCC accounts approved 25th February 2023, Restoration, subsequently approved. ASCDCC accounts approved 18th January 2023 KTM accounts approved 3rd February 2023.

Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector

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The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

# Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

## Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

#### 2a RECEIPTS

|                                                                                       | Unrestricted Funds (£) |              |             | Restricted Funds (£) |             |              | TOTAL FUNDS (£) |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                                                                       | HTK                    | ASC          | PARISH      | HTK                  | ASC         | PARISH       | 2022            | 2021         |
| <b>Voluntary Income/Receipts</b>                                                      |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| Planned giving:                                                                       |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 1 Tax efficient planned giving                                                        | 14420                  | 8664         | 900         | 3131                 |             |              | 27115           | 22592        |
| 6 Gift Aid recovered                                                                  | 4802                   | 3266         | 225         | 830                  |             |              | 9123            | 7792         |
| 2 Other planned giving                                                                | 2622                   | 3829         |             |                      |             |              | 6451            | 8020         |
| 3 Collections at services                                                             | 2091                   | 690          |             | 380                  |             | 566          | 3727            | 3857         |
| All other giving & voluntary receipts, including                                      |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 4 Special Appeals (recurring & one off)                                               | 635                    | 118          |             | 2369                 |             |              | 3122            | 5479         |
| 7 Legacies received (capital value)                                                   |                        | 0            |             |                      | 500         |              | 500             | 0            |
| 8 Grants (include recurring & one off)                                                | 1289                   | 0            |             |                      |             | 1000         | 2289            | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>                                                         | <b>25859</b>           | <b>16567</b> | <b>1125</b> | <b>6710</b>          | <b>500</b>  | <b>1566</b>  | <b>52327</b>    | <b>47740</b> |
| <b>Activities for generating funds</b>                                                |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 9 Gross income from fundraising activities                                            | 1817                   | 0            | 0           | 0                    | 0           | 0            | 1817            | 179          |
| <b>Income from investments</b>                                                        |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 10 Dividends, interest, income from property                                          | 16                     |              |             | 2                    | 474         | 10060        | 10552           | 9031         |
| <b>Church activities</b>                                                              |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)                       |                        |              |             |                      |             | 9204         | 9204            | 5695         |
| Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising. |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 12                                                                                    | 22076                  | 4389         |             |                      |             |              | 26465           | 12803        |
| <b>Other incoming resources</b>                                                       |                        |              |             |                      |             |              |                 |              |
| 13 Any other income/receipts not already listed                                       | 217                    | 1214         | 213         |                      | 120         |              | 1764            | 2491         |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                                                 | <b>49985</b>           | <b>22170</b> | <b>1338</b> | <b>6712</b>          | <b>1094</b> | <b>20830</b> | <b>102129</b>   | <b>77939</b> |
| <b>EXCLUDED RECEIPTS</b>                                                              | <b>5045</b>            | <b>496</b>   | <b>6723</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>    | <b>10676</b> | <b>22940</b>    | <b>18216</b> |
| <b>GROSS RECEIPTS</b>                                                                 | <b>55030</b>           | <b>22666</b> | <b>8061</b> | <b>6712</b>          | <b>1094</b> | <b>31506</b> | <b>125069</b>   | <b>96155</b> |

#### 2b PAYMENTS

|                                                                   | Unrestricted Funds (£) |              |             | Restricted Funds (£) |          |             | TOTAL FUNDS (£) |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                                                   | HTK                    | ASC          | PARISH      | HTK                  | ASC      | PARISH      | 2021            | 2020         |
| <b>Cost of generating income</b>                                  |                        |              |             |                      |          |             |                 |              |
| 17 Fund-raising activities (costs & payments)                     | 0                      | 0            | 0           | 0                    | 0        | 0           | 0               | 0            |
| <b>Church activities</b>                                          |                        |              |             |                      |          |             |                 |              |
| 18 Mission giving & donations                                     |                        |              |             |                      |          | 3047        | 3047            | 4364         |
| 19 Diocesan parish share contribution                             | 18000                  | 8820         |             |                      |          |             | 26820           | 29400        |
| 20 Salaries, wages & honoraria                                    |                        | 780          | 4375        |                      |          | 1320        | 6475            | 5544         |
| 21 Clergy and staff expenses                                      |                        |              | 597         |                      |          |             | 597             | 0            |
| <b>Church expenses</b>                                            |                        |              |             |                      |          |             |                 |              |
| 22 Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs                    |                        |              | 2325        |                      |          | 2143        | 4468            | 461          |
| 23 Church running expenses                                        | 10739                  | 1700         | 1402        | 1386                 |          | 346         | 15573           | 11740        |
| 24 Church utility bills                                           | 6000                   | 1603         |             |                      |          |             | 7603            | 5236         |
| 25 Cost of trading                                                | 9562                   | 2399         |             |                      |          |             | 11961           | 8546         |
| <b>Major capital expenditure</b>                                  |                        |              |             |                      |          |             |                 |              |
| 27 Major repairs to church building                               |                        |              |             |                      |          |             | 0               | 9422         |
| Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property |                        |              |             |                      |          |             |                 |              |
| 28                                                                |                        | 3814         |             |                      |          | 812         | 4626            | 3209         |
| 29 New building work to the church,                               | 0                      | 0            | 0           | 0                    | 0        | 0           | 0               | 0            |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL for church activities &amp; expenses</b>             | <b>44301</b>           | <b>19116</b> | <b>8699</b> | <b>1386</b>          | <b>0</b> | <b>7668</b> | <b>81170</b>    | <b>77922</b> |
| 26 Governance costs                                               | 141                    | 60           | 147         |                      |          | 0           | 348             | 437          |
| 99 Other outgoing resources/payments                              | 1559                   | 0            | 165         |                      | 60       | 0           | 1784            | 1121         |

|                                  |              |              |             |             |             |              |               |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>            | <b>46001</b> | <b>19176</b> | <b>9011</b> | <b>1386</b> | <b>60</b>   | <b>7668</b>  | <b>83302</b>  | <b>79480</b> |
| <b>EXCLUDED PAYMENTS</b>         | <b>4560</b>  | <b>2518</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>15540</b> | <b>22618</b>  | <b>18354</b> |
| <b>GROSS PAYMENTS</b>            | <b>50561</b> | <b>21694</b> | <b>9011</b> | <b>1386</b> | <b>60</b>   | <b>23208</b> | <b>105920</b> | <b>97834</b> |
| Excess of receipts over payments | <b>4469</b>  | <b>972</b>   | <b>-950</b> | <b>5326</b> | <b>1034</b> | <b>8298</b>  | <b>19149</b>  | <b>-1679</b> |
| Transfer between funds           |              |              |             |             |             |              | 0             | 0            |
|                                  | <b>4469</b>  | <b>972</b>   | <b>-950</b> | <b>5326</b> | <b>1034</b> | <b>8298</b>  | <b>19149</b>  | <b>-1679</b> |
| Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan  | 8581         | 35311        | 8308        | 23434       | 21415       | 104239       | 201288        | 203817       |
| Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec | 13050        | 36283        | 7358        | 28760       | 22449       | 112537       | 220437        | 202138       |
|                                  | 13050        | 36283        | 7358        | 28760       | 22449       | 112537       | 220437        |              |

NOTE: there was an error in the HTK unrestricted cash balances at the end of 2020 so the total for the parish should have been £203817. This has been verified from the bank account statement as at 01/01/22.

includes £1160 Downunder balance  
in HTK deposit total

## **STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

|                                           | <u>Unrestricted Funds (£)</u> |               |             | <u>Restricted Funds (£)</u> |              |               | <u>TOTAL FUNDS (£)</u> |                |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
|                                           | HTK                           | ASC           | PARISH      | HTK                         | ASC          | PARISH        | 2022                   | 2021           |
| <u>Cash Funds - gross</u>                 |                               |               |             |                             |              |               |                        |                |
| Bank Current Account                      | 14220                         | 5283          | 6378        | 26392                       | 7450         | 12356         | 72079                  | 52674          |
| Deposit Funds                             | 12198                         | 30000         |             |                             | 15000        | 100000        | 157198                 | 153447         |
|                                           | <u>26418</u>                  | <u>35283</u>  | <u>6378</u> | <u>26392</u>                | <u>22450</u> | <u>112356</u> | <u>229277</u>          | <u>206121</u>  |
| <u>Other Monetary Assets</u>              |                               |               |             |                             |              |               |                        |                |
| Insurance claim refund                    | 0                             | 1000          | 0           |                             | 0            | 0             | 1000                   | 0              |
| Creditors                                 | -8991                         | 0             | 0           |                             | 0            | 0             | -8991                  | -3833          |
|                                           | <u>-8991</u>                  | <u>1000</u>   | <u>0</u>    | <u>0</u>                    | <u>0</u>     | <u>0</u>      | <u>-7991</u>           | <u>-3833</u>   |
| <b>3 Investment Assets</b>                |                               |               |             |                             |              |               |                        |                |
| Investment Fund Shares<br>at market value | <u>0</u>                      | <u>0</u>      | <u>0</u>    | <u>0</u>                    | <u>0</u>     | <u>8641</u>   | <u>8641</u>            | <u>8641</u>    |
| <b>2 Assets retained for church use</b>   | <u>1110000</u>                | <u>532580</u> | <u>0</u>    | <u>0</u>                    | <u>0</u>     | <u>75000</u>  | <u>1717580</u>         | <u>1715197</u> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                        | <u>0</u>                      | <u>0</u>      | <u>0</u>    | <u>0</u>                    | <u>0</u>     | <u>0</u>      | <u>0</u>               | <u>150</u>     |

## **FUND DETAILS**

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension DCC funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTKDCC.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated.

This property is currently rented and generates £9000 per annum for the parish.

Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.

Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016.

At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019. At Ascension a replacement Tractor-mower was purchased in 2022.

# Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

### 5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

|                                   |                     | Freehold land<br>and buildings<br>£ | Church<br>equipment<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 5(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i> |                     |                                     |                          |            |
| ACTUAL/DEEMED COST                | At 1 January 2022   | 1,715,000                           | 416                      | 1,715,416  |
|                                   | Additions           | 0                                   | 3,225                    | 3,225      |
|                                   | At 31 December 2022 | 1,715,000                           | 3,641                    | 1,718,641  |
| DEPRECIATION                      | At 1 January 2022   | 0                                   | 197                      | 197        |
|                                   | Charge for the year | 0                                   | 864                      | 864        |
|                                   | At 31 December 2022 | 0                                   | 1,061                    | 1,061      |
| NET BOOK VALUE                    | At 31 December 2022 | 1,715,000                           | 2,580                    | 1,717,580  |
|                                   | At 31 December 2021 | 1,715,000                           | 219                      | 1,715,219  |

The freehold land and buildings comprise the evangelist's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004. ASC Hall was revalued in June 2020.

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#### 5(b) *Investment fixed assets*

£

Movements in the year:

|                                                     |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|
| Market value - 1 January 2022                       | 8641 |
| Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value | 0    |
| Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation       | 0    |

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Market value - 31 December 2022 | 8641 |
|---------------------------------|------|

Parochial Trusts held with BDBF = £8641 (36 Elmfield).

### 6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

|                             | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>£       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Fixed Assets for Church use | 1,642,580                  | 75,000                   | 0                       | 1,717,580        |
| Investment Fixed Assets     | 0                          | 8,641                    | 0                       | 8,641            |
| Current Assets              | 69,080                     | 161,198                  |                         | 230,278          |
| Current Liabilities         | -8,991                     | 0                        | 0                       | -8,991           |
| <b>Fund balance</b>         | <b>1,702,669</b>           | <b>244,839</b>           | <b>0</b>                | <b>1,947,508</b> |

# Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

### 7 DEBTORS

|                                  | 2022<br>£    | 2021<br>£    |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Income tax recoverable           | 0            | 0            |
| Prepayments and accrued interest | 0            | 0            |
| Other debtors                    | 4604         | 1001         |
|                                  | <u>4,604</u> | <u>1,001</u> |

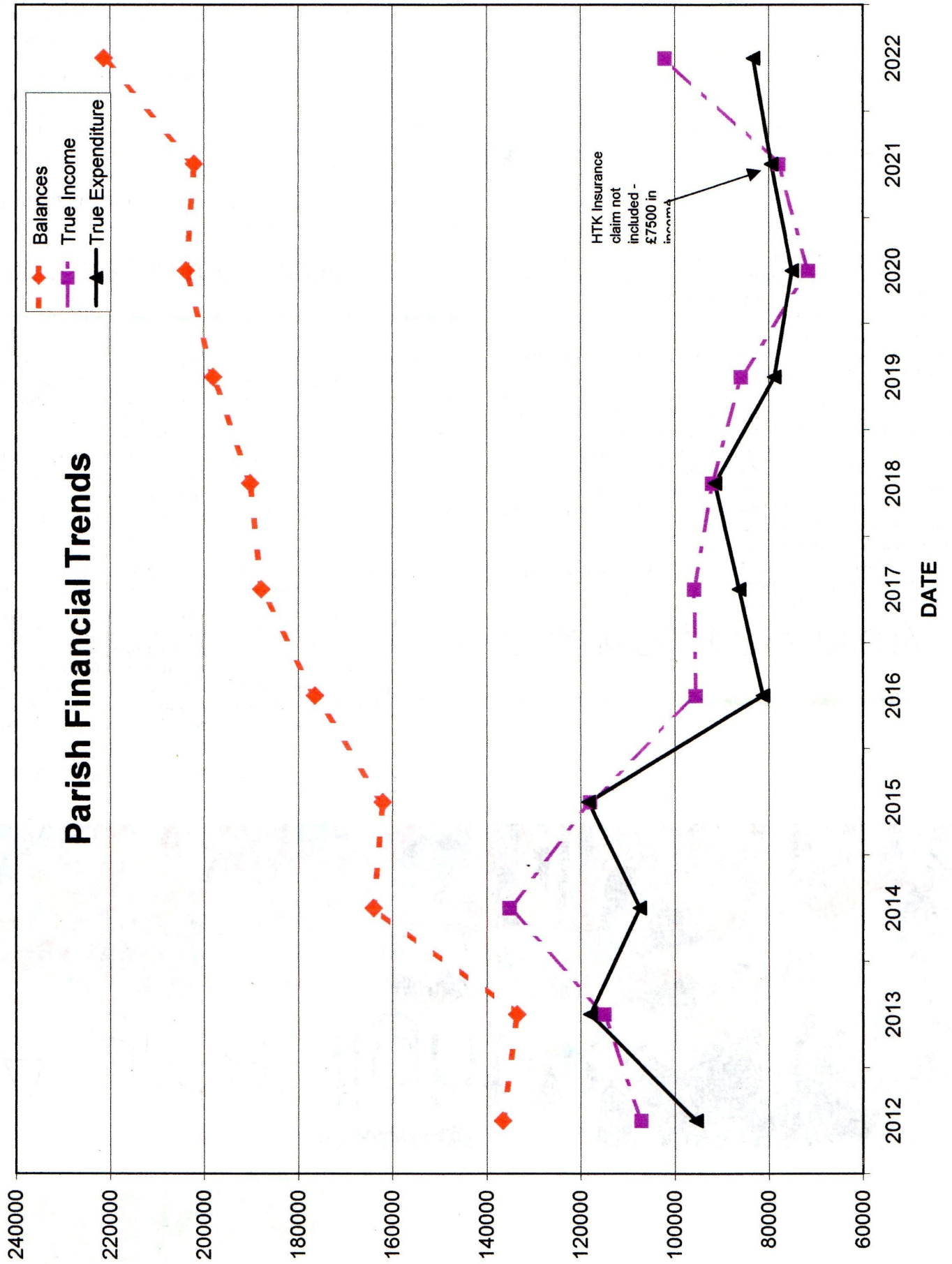
### 8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

|                                                          | 2022<br>£    | 2021<br>£    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Deferred income                                          | 0            | 0            |
| Accruals of utility and other costs                      | 0            | 0            |
| Creditors for goods and services - diocesan parish share | 8991         | 3833         |
| Other creditors                                          | 0            | 150          |
|                                                          | <u>8,991</u> | <u>3,983</u> |

### 9 FUND DETAILS

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# Parish Financial Trends



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Parish Level-KTM), Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the Parish Level (KTM) accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Paul A. Taylor BA ATT  
The Long Barn, Collins Farm  
Abson Bristol



Dated:

20th February 2023

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the Church of the Ascension for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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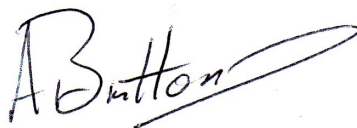
to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Adrian Britton  
1, Wykis Court  
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3SQ

Dated:

25/2/23



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity Church), Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the Holy Trinity Church District Church Council accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Laurence John Godfrey  
168 Forest Road Kingswood  
Bristol BS15 8EN



Dated:

28/2/2023